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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining the captioned application, applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered. Accompanying this Preliminary Amendment is an Information Disclosure Statement.

In the Claims:

- 22. (Once amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a [polynucleotide having a sequence] <u>nucleotide sequence</u> at least 95% identical to a sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a nucleotide sequence encoding at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues of SEQ ID NO:2 [the nucleotide sequence of clone HAPBU13R (SEQ ID NO:6)];
- (b) a nucleotide sequence incoding at least 30 contiguous amino acid residues of the polypeptide encoded by the human deviation of the nucleotide sequence of clone HSBBU76R (SEQ/ID NO:7)];
- (c) the nucleotide sequence of a portion of the sequence shown in Figure 1 (SEQ ID NO:1) wherein said portion comprises at least 50 contiguous nucleotides from nucleotide 284 to 1,362; and
- (d) a nucleotide sequence complementary to any of the nucleotide sequences in (a), (b) or (c) above.

Support for the amendment to claim 22 may be found throughout the specification, for example, see page 26, line 26. Accordingly, no new matter has been introduced.

Respectfully submitted,

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